(a) whether there is any proposal of railway line from Changchari or Tangla to Mangaldai in Assam to be extended further to Kharupetia and beyond so as to enable this district headquarters of Darrang to be covered by railways; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Burst of Boiler at Thakurli Power House Bombay

2906. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an accident took place on the 15th December, 1987 at Thakurli Power House, Bombay, due to boiler burst.

(b) if so, whether any enquiry has been ordered into the accident;

(c) what are the findings of the said enquiry;

(d) what is the number of workers injured/succumbed to injuries in the said accident;

(e) whether such accidents had taken place in the said Power House in the past also; if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the National Railway Mazdoor Union has been drawing the attention of the railway administration towards unsafe condition of machinery in the said power house; if so, what steps were taken on their memoranda/suggestion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As per provisional findings of the Enquiry Committee the boiler tube failed due to corrosion.

(d) Eight workers were fatally injured.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Yes, Sir, the required rehabilitation works were carried out on these old plants.

Diverting of DTC bus routes number 603 and 620

2907. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been received by Delhi Transport Corporation, New Delhi, from area welfare associations of Vasant Vihar, CPWD Complex, New Delhi, regarding (i) diverting DTC Bus Route number 603 through Shanti Path, Teen Murthi and South Avenue instead of its present route through Vinay Marg, Tughlak Road etc.; and (ii) diverting of DTC Bus Route numbers 620 and RL-3 from Vasant Vihar Depot to Vasant Vihar CPWD Complex, Indian Airlines Colony and then at its existing route;

(b) if so, when the requests were received and what action has been taken by DTC authorities on each of such requests; and

(c) by when the routes are proposed to be changed to give relief to the Central Government Employees residing in that area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) A few representations regarding modification/extension of route numbers 603, 620 and RL-3 were received by the DTC on 4-12-1987, 26.11 1987 and 9.12.1987 respectively. The suggestions by the associations were not found acceptable due to various operational constraints and the larger interest of the commuters presently availing the services.

(c) Keeping in view the nature of traffic requirements of Delhi and the operational constraints of DTC, it is not feasible for the Corporation to connect various localities in Delhi with one another by direct services. The objective is to ensure that a commuter is able to reach his destination by using the change-over facilities available at all important centres of the city.

The commuters from Vasant Vihar, CPWD Complex can avail of the services on route Nos. 602, 603, 623, 640, 641, 660 etc. and other services available from Moti Bagh/ Vasant Vihar crossing to reach their destination.

Primary school in Vasant Vihar

2908. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1425 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th March, 1988 and state:

(a) whether the land for opening of the MCD Primary School in Vasant Vihar CPWD Complex, New Delhi has been allotted to MCD; if so, when and the location of the land;

(b) if not, what action has been taken so far by the MCD for procurement of land for the said purpose;

(c) what are the reasons which hampers MCD to acquire land for opening of temporary Primary school in the area; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Administration acquired land temporarily for opening of Middle schools in that area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(d) The Middle School is being run on a vacant piece of land available in that area. No land has so far been acquired by Delhi Administration for the purpose.

CGHS Dispensary at Vasant Vihar

2909. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any requests have been received by the Government for opening of (i) CGHS Allopathic dispensary, (ii) CGHS Ayurvedic dispensary, (iii) CGHS Homoeopathic dispensary, and (iv) CGHS Unani dispensary in Vasant Vihar C.P.W.D. Complex, New Delhi;

(b) if so, when the requests were received and action taken by CGHS authorities on each of such requests; and

(c) by when the each of the dispensary above is proposed to be opened to give relief to the Central Government Employees residing in that area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) Requests had been received in December, 1987 for opening of CGHS dispensary in Vasant Vihar. Vasant Vihar is already covered under existing CGHS dispensaries. At present, there is no proposal for establishing any dispensary/Unit in Vasant Vihar.

Admissibility of Teaching Allowance to Librarians, Lab. Assistants etc.

2910. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 918 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd March, 1988 and state:

(a) whether Teaching Allowance of Rs. 100/- p.m. granted to teachers will be admissible to Librarians SUPW Teachers, Lab. Assistants etc also working in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) According to the clarification issued by this Ministry on 3rd November, 1987, the revised pay-scale which provides for payment of Teaching/Special Allowance are applicable to miscellaneous/ allied category of teachers like music teachers, drawing teachers, art teachers, craft